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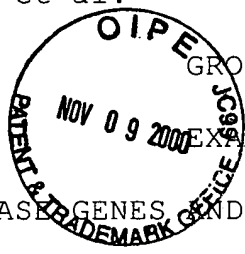
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FOR: RAFFINOSE SYNTHASE GENES AND THEIR USE



Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 9, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2000, the due date for reply having been extended three (3) months to November 10, 2000, by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 (Amended) [A] An isolated raffinose synthase gene which comprises a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: